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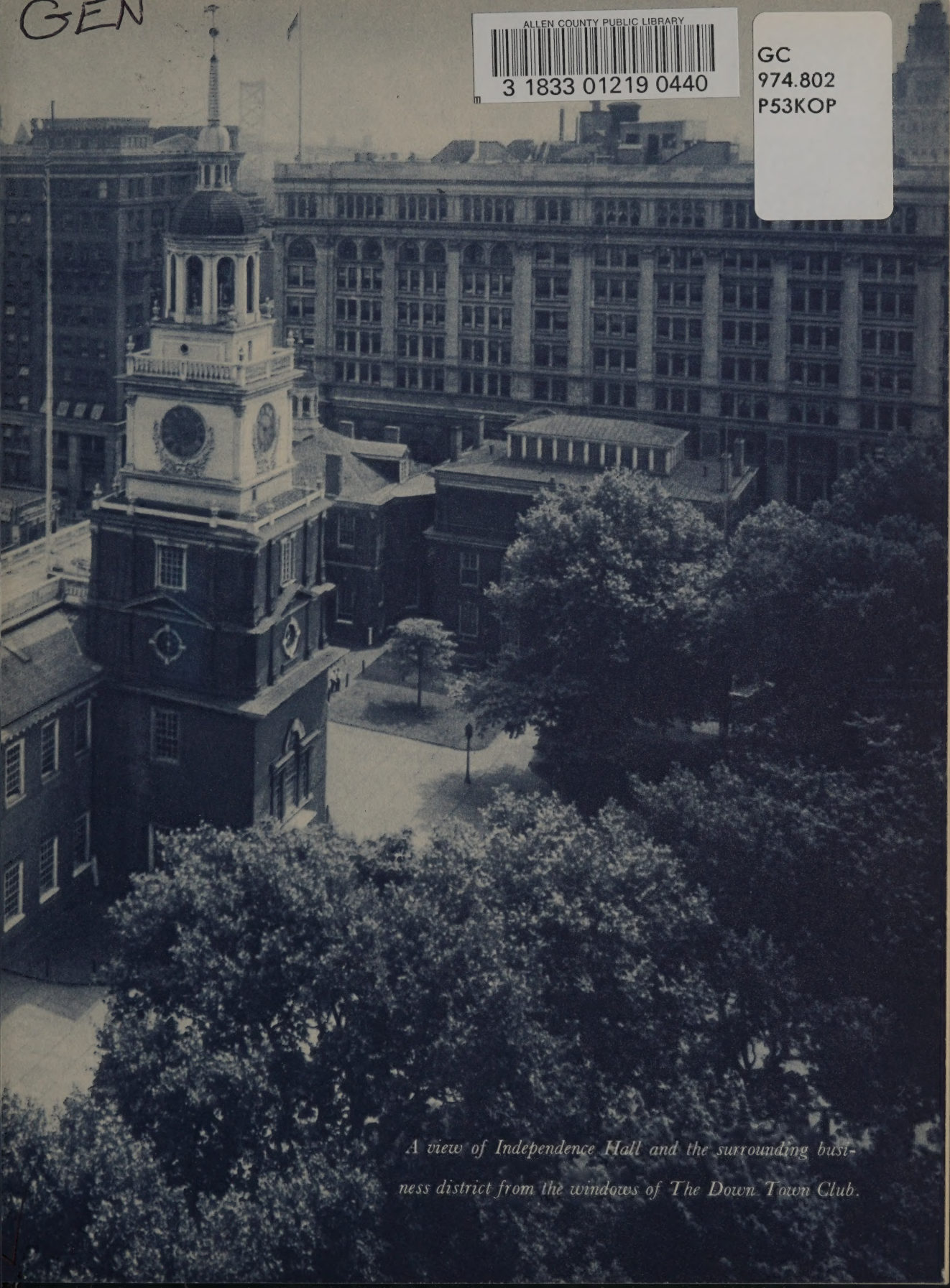

A view of Independence Hall and the surrounding business district from the windows of The Down Town Club.

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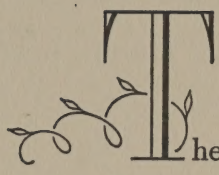

The year 1947 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of The Down Town Club in Philadelphia.

Fifty years is not a long span of time as traditions and organizations go in historic Philadelphia. Here the contemporary scene is enriched with many business houses and other institutions that had their origin farther back in the city's history. But the Club's rich heritage from the past is today a matter of genuine pride to every member, and very properly so.

In 1897, newspapers headlined the treaty annexing Hawaii and the gold strike in the Klondike. War broke out between Greece and Turkey. In Washington the new Congressional Library was opened, and in New York the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial was dedicated in Riverside Park. William McKinley was President.

In Philadelphia that year, labor unions were drilling daily under arms ready "to act when their interests were threatened." All-wool cheviot suits were advertised in leading department stores at $4.00—"well worth $7.50." Full-time servants with highest references were advertising for employment for $1.50 weekly, and a Bryn Mawr estate of 7 acres featuring a 14-room house and a 9-room cottage went begging at $14.00 a month. Sousa's Band was headlined at the Academy of Music.

It was in April of that year—1897—that a group of prominent citizens, many of them associated with the financial institutions then located in downtown Phila-

delphia, organized the luncheon club which was called The Down Town Club. The following prominent gentlemen composed the first Board of Governors:

J. Frank McFadden	Morris L. Parrish	Barclay H. Warburton
George D. Widener	E. D. Toland	George A. Huhn
Geo. Stuart Patterson	A. E. Newbold	William Brockie
James Potter	Henry L. Townsend	R. H. Rushton
Samuel Dickson	Samuel Welsh	William L. Elkins

The original clubrooms of The Down Town Club were on the top floor of the Bullitt Building. From the beginning, the Club established a very high standard of service and enjoyed an enviable reputation for the quality of its food. The entrance fee was set at $100, the annual dues at $75.

With a highly select membership, an unsurpassed cuisine and excellent service, the Club prospered without interruption for a number of years. In the late 1920's, however, the removal of the financial district to uptown locations resulted in the resignation of many members, and the Club's long period of prosperity was severely threatened.

Meanwhile, the late Cyrus Curtis had provided for an elaborate and exclusive luncheon club in the new Ledger Building. This club was known as the "Ledger Club," with entrance fees and dues identical with those of The Down Town Club. Though this club was composed of about 100 prominent Philadelphia men, it was operated on so sumptuous a scale that an annual deficit resulted. Mr. Curtis graciously reimbursed the Ledger Club for those deficits, and thus kept it in operation.

Thus it came about that the two clubs, each with a very fine reputation but each operating under grave difficulties, elected to merge in 1929, retaining the name of The Down Town Club, with a membership of 250.

Though Mr. Curtis' great personal interest in the Club continued, though the Club paid no rent for the beautiful quarters it now occupied in the Ledger Building, the years following 1929 proved disastrous from an operating standpoint. Membership was decimated by resignations and nonpayment of dues. Deficit followed

Cyrus H. K. Curtis

deficit, and by October 1, 1934, there was a total deficit of nearly $80,000 and a resident membership of only 84. It was the low point in the Club's history.

A special meeting of all members called that same October might very well have resulted in the dissolution of the Club. However, Mr. Curtis' long and generous support of the Club was climaxed at this time when the Curtis Estate offered as a gift the furniture, fixtures and equipment with which he had fitted out the Club if it elected to continue.

Continue it did; the late Malcolm B. Foard and Halver T. Sorensen were elected directors. Mr. Foard assumed the presidency and Mr. Sorensen was made Chairman of the House Committee. During the year 1935 one hundred and twenty new members were elected and the operating deficit for the year was only $12,000 as against more than twice that amount the previous year. The struggle to meet obligations lasted for the next six years, with Mr. Foard and Mr. Sorensen carrying on the battle with calm determination. In 1936 William Vlachos and Dodd Bryan joined the team. Mr. Vlachos, as Chairman of the Membership Committee, proved to be a tower of strength and Mr. Bryan was made Secretary. In 1937 Lewis W. Trayser was elected a director, and Russell J. Bauer became Treasurer in 1938. By November 1940 the crisis was past—over five hundred dues-paying members and no debts. Mr. Foard was succeeded in the presidency by Mr. Sorensen, who was to have six years free of financial worries, but other problems were on the horizon.

During the war years, The Down Town Club managed to maintain an unparalleled reputation for the quality of its food and service, despite severe shortages of both. It followed inevitably that there should be an unprecedented demand for membership, and an embarrassing influx of guests. To limit both in accordance with the capacity of the Club to maintain fine food and service for its current members, membership had to be limited to a total of approximately 800 resident members and a guest charge of $1.00 was imposed.

Today there is a waiting list of some 200 applicants for membership, but the Board of Directors is reluctant to permit a membership larger than the present one. There have been very few admissions in the past two years.

On its fiftieth anniversary, The Down Town Club's condition is by far the best in its long history. Its membership, composed today as in earlier days of prominent Philadelphia gentlemen, is at capacity; its operating capital is ample, and a considerable fund has been accumulated for redecoration and making necessary repairs of and additions to furniture and equipment. Certain elements in the redecoration program have already been completed.

No account of the unique merits and achievements of The Down Town Club would be complete without recognition of the Club's staff of 76 employees, of whom 13 have been in the employ of the Club ten years or longer. Under the direction of Mr. Fernand A. Gspann, Manager since the merger of the two clubs in 1929, a staff of unusual ability and loyalty has been built. The assistant Manager, Jacob Dowey, started with the Club as a bus boy 15 years ago. Emil Rebmann, our very capable headwaiter, came to the Club in 1930. Mr. John H. Webber, our guest clerk, is a former member of the Club. Mary Steinmann, bookkeeper, and Margaret Willingmyer, captain, have been employed since the 1929 merger.

The two large and completely modern Club kitchens are staffed with specialists in every line of food preparation—butchers, roast cooks, fry cooks, bakers. The dining rooms are staffed with trained, courteous waitresses and the Grill has expert barmen and an oysterman.

Without this excellent staff of conscientious supervisors and employees, The Down Town Club might be good, but it could not enjoy its present nation-wide reputation as one of the finest luncheon clubs in America.

This book was created to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of The Down Town Club. The present Club is described and pictured in interesting detail on the pages which follow—its physical accommodations, its facilities, its rules and regulations, its membership.

But the Club's worthy history is the heritage from which its present enviable reputation developed. Down Town Club members avail themselves of the various privileges and the fellowship of the Club with relish; they entertain their guests here with pride. They do so with very good reason.

The main lobby of The Down Town Club awaits the noontime influx of members and their guests. This view faces the Main Dining Room.

A member registers his guests with John Webber, guest clerk (seated).

THE DOWN TOWN CLUB

OFFICERS

Dodd Bryan, *President*

Lewis W. Trayser, *Vice President*

Russell J. Bauer, *Treasurer*

Walter E. Beard, *Secretary*

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Terms Expire November 1, 1947	*Terms Expire November 1, 1948*	*Terms Expire November 1, 1949*
Dodd Bryan	Lewis W. Trayser	Russell J. Bauer
Walter E. Beard	William H. Oldach	U. S. Goheen
W. Wright Humphreys	Herman J. Pelstring	Charles A. Mills
Arthur B. Otto	Halver T. Sorensen	Daniel Mungall

HOUSE COMMITTEE

W. Wright Humphreys, *Chairman*

Lewis W. Trayser William Meyle William R. Oehrle C. E. Gordon

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Daniel Mungall, *Chairman*

W. Wright Humphreys Walter E. Beard Thomas G. Conklin

P. H. Mell Charles A. Mills

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Charles A. Mills, *Chairman*

Halver T. Sorensen Lewis W. Trayser W. Wright Humphreys

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Abraham, Anthony J.
Acker, Ellwood K.
Ackerman, Ralph C.
Adams, Albert C.
Adsit, George A.
Akeroyd, James
Albertson, Walter B.
Alexander, Edward T.
Alexander, Jack
Alexander, Joseph B.
Allen, Benjamin
Allen, Charles B.
Allen, Jean G.
Allen, W. King
Alwine, J. L.
Anderson, George H.
Anderson, Raymond G.
Anderson, T. W.
Anschuetz, Harry G.
Anthony, W. E.
Antrim, Paul Budd
Applin, George F.
Arader, Walter G.
Archibald, Frank S.
Arrison, Robert A.
Atherholt, George H.
Attride, Roy R. B.
Austin, George M.

Baber, Winston C.
Baberich, Joseph F.
Bach, Charles T.
Bachmann, Eugene P.
Bailey, John
Baily, James V.
Bair, R. W.
Baker, Arthur D.
Baker, Chester L.
Baker, John L.
Baker, Roy W.
Balch, Bertram S.
Balch, Frederic S.
Ball, Alfred J.
Ballagh, T. C.
Bampton, Warren L.
Bancroft, J. Howard
Banzhoff, John P.
Barclay, F. John
Barker, Wayne
Barnes, L. K.
Barnett, Harry E.
Barthmaier, F. J.
Baruch, Earle E.
Bauer, Russell J.
Bauernschmidt, John G.
Baum, Arthur W.
Bean, Harold J.
Beard, Walter E.
Beatty, Lawrence R.
Beck, Charles W., Jr.
Beck, C. Weston
Beck, George D.
Beechwood, George E.
Bell, C. Herbert
Benedict, Henry H.
Benn, James S., Jr.
Bensing, Harold G.
Berry, J. A.
Bickley, George
Bickley, I. Walter
Bioren, John S.
Birkhead, Frank G.
Bischoff, Charles A.
Black, Walter E.
Blain, William G.
Blattenberger, Raymond
Bleakley, Russell
Boggs, Samuel Y.
Bogue, Frank T.
Bok, Cary W.
Bond, Richard D.
Bookmyer, Roy T.
Booth, Henry D.
Borgstedt, Douglas H.
Borrell, Alfred C., Jr.
Boswell, George E.
Bottomley, Howland W.
Bowes, Thomas D.
Boyer, Francis
Brandmaier, J. L.
Brandt, Carl L.
Brandt, Erdmann N.
Brearly, C. L.
Brecht, Frederick M.
Bridge, Lewis E.
Brogan, Paul L.
Bronson, Joseph C.
Brookman, Laura Lou
Brower, Frederick I.
Brown, Addison R.
Brown, W. Wallace
Bryan, Dodd
Buck, J. Mahlon
Buck, Percy G.
Buckey, Malcolm
Budd, Joseph
Buggey, T. M., Jr.
Bur, George W.
Burger, Victor J.
Burston, Arthur
Burton, O. Donn

There's a cheery word for everyone at the Club cigar stand.

No checks necessary. The girls know each member—AND *his hat.*

Doorway leading from Main Dining Room to lobby. The decorative detail is typical of all Club appointments.

Cabrey, Raymond A.
Cairns, Joseph, Jr.
Caldwell, James H.
Campbell, Claude M.
Campbell, Edgar
Campbell, Finley E.
Campbell, Fred M.
Canavan, James
Carey, Paul J.
Carl, Harry A.
Carr, Sam J.
Carre, Robert E.
Carrick, Raymond C.
Carrigan, Joseph L.
Chadwick, Thomas G.
Chalmers, Robert J.
Chase, Charles T.
Chasteney, Edward A.
Chiappe, C. Frank
Christian, Anthony N.
Christie, Harry F.
Cioll, Edward
Clain, Frank F.
Clark, C. S.
Clark, H. B.
Clark, J. D.
Clothier, Anita P.
Coe, Howard S.
Cole, Howard J.
Cole, William J.
Coleman, Nelson B.
Coleman, Sidney E.
Colville, Alexander, 3rd
Conger, Fred T.
Conklin, J. B.
Conklin, Thomas G.
Conlan, Charles E.
Connor, A. P.
Connor, Bernard L.
Considine, N. A.
Cook, Harley P.
Cooper, A. B.
Corbett, W. D.
Cordner, Lewis G.
Corse, George F.
Cortizas, Michael
Cosway, Guy C.
Coulter, George T.
Covert, Lloyd W.
Cowman, Stanley
Cox, Edwin R.
Craddock, Barbara A.
Craig, David
Crawford, James A.
Criddle, A. H.
Crispin, Floyd A.
Crock, Norman
Crombie, Laurence
Crothers, J. Alex.
Cunningham, Charles B.
Cupp, Robert O.
Curley, James N.
Curtis, John N.
Cushmore, E. M.

Dadisman, T. A.
Daily, J. I.
Damon, H. B.
Davidson, John B.
Davidson, Wm. G.
Davis, E. Emerson
Davis, Eugene H.
Deacon, Robert W.
Dearden, Robert R., 3rd
Deering, Thomas S.
Deily, Howard E.
Delaney, Richard A.
Denney, Anthony DeP.
Dent, William C.
Denton, Donald H.
Detwiler, W. B.
DeVaux, Charles B.
Devlin, Charles A.
Diemand, John A.
Dilks, Walter O.
Doak, James B.
Donahue, J. Gilbert
Donahue, J. Harry
Donahue, William J.
Donovan, Walter H.
Dorrance, Wm. H.
Downes, Daniel H.
Downs, John M.
Doyle, Laurence G.
Dreher, Paul
Drury, Warren H.
Duffy, George A.
Duffy, Harry V.
Dugan, John F.
Dunn, Robert
Dunn, William H.
Dunn, William H., Jr.
Dunton, Joseph H.

Eberding, Herman F.
Edgar, Day
Edgerton, S. Y.
Edwards, E. B.
Eichner, George
Elger, William F.
Elkinton, Howard W.
Elkinton, J. Passmore
Elkinton, Thomas W.
Emlet, Winfield H.
English, John W.
Engstrom, Theodore A.
Esak, John H.

Fallis, Arthur W.
Feimster, Walter C., Jr.
Fernandez, George V.
Fernley, George A.
Ferree, L. B.
Ferren, Howard J.
Ferrier, Benjamin F.
Fiedler, Harold F.
Fisher, E. Monroe
Fisher, Joseph A.
Fitzpatrick, Patrick A.
Fitzwater, R. L.
Fitzwater, R. L., Jr.
Flaherty, Joseph P.
Ford, Reginald P.
Fox, Grover F.

Frain, Edmund
Frain, R. S.
Frazier, John P.
Frazier, W. H.
Frederick, Donald Sherwood
Freeman, Harry M.
French, Samuel H.
Frey, John C., Sr.
Fuller, W. D.
Fullerton, Winfield S., Jr.
Fuoss, Robert
Furlong, Edward V.
Furlong, Irwin M.
Furlong, Thomas S.

Gale, Allen
Gannon, Hugh F.
Garoh, James C.
Garretson, Herbert
Gates, Norman T.
Gates, Thomas S.
Gegler, William C.
Gehrig, Arthur W.
Gessner, Howard A.
Gibbon, Robert
Gibbons, William J.
Gilpin, Samuel B., 2nd
Glendening, Frank S.
Glenn, Elliott H.
Glenn, James H.
Goheen, U. S.
Goldner, Frank C.
Goldner, William F.
Goodman, J. Carroll
Gordon, C. E.
Gould, Bruce
Gow, Arthur S.
Grady, John H.
Grainger, Arthur J.
Greene, A. M.
Greenfield, Albert M.
Gregory, B. L.
Greifzu, Theo. A.
Greifzu, Theo. E.
Gribbin, Allan V.
Grier, William V.
Griffith, Charles F.
Griffith, Edward J.
Grosscup, Walter T.
Grundy, Joseph R.
Gustaveson, Walter

Haarde, Fred J.
Haas, Otto
Haines, C. Robert
Halkett, Walter A.
Hall, Reuben B.
Hall, William T. I.
Hall, Z. Taylor, Jr.
Hamburger, W. Charles
Hamilton, Frank C.
Hansel, John W., Jr.
Harding, A. B.
Hare, Thomas J., Jr.
Harmstad, F. C.
Harper, Henry G.
Harrigan, Benjamin
Hartley, F. K.
Hartung, Edward W.
Hartung, Robert L.
Haslein, Jacob, 3rd
Hastings, F. W.
Hatch, J. P.
Hatch, K. B.
Hauck, Aloysius F.
Haydock, H. W.
Hayes, J. Albert
Hazard, Spencer P.
Healy, Fred A.
Heermann, Harold C.
Helm, E. Walter, Jr.
Henderson, James M.
Henry, Edwin A.
Henry, Harry S.
Hepworth, Albert
Hepworth, George W.
Herdelin, Nils R.
Herkness, Alfred T.
Heston, Herbert, Jr.
Heston, John C.
Heyser, George W.
Hibbs, Ben
Hill, Carlyle H.
Hill, David H.
Hill, J. L.
Hipple, F. Wharton
Hobart, Donald M.
Hodge, Gerald O.
Hodgson, Maurice W.
Hoeflich, Llewellyn A.
Hoffman, John H.
Hoffman, Walter R.
Hoffmeister, John
Holtsizer, Leon
Hooker, Stewart
Hooper, Thornton D.
Hopen, Anton
Hopkins, Bernard J.
Hopkins, Russell
Horner, Norman C.
Horner, William J.
House, Richard K.
Howard, C. Edgar, Jr.
Howell, Laurence T.
Hubschman, Milton
Hudson, Fred M.
Hueber, Joseph A.
Hulme, Thomas R.
Humphreys, W. Wright
Hutchinson, Sydney E.
Hutton, Walter S.

Igoe, Mark J.
Irelan, Warren C.
Isaacs, Edgar E.

Jamieson, Edgar K.
Jenkins, Arthur H.
Jenkins, A. Sidney
Jennings, Charles B.
Jennings, Howard T.
Jeunet, H. F. E.
Johnson, Archibald DeB.

A portion of the Main Dining Room, bright and airy, with broad windows offering an intriguing panorama of the Philadelphia water front and the Delaware River bridge. This dining room comfortably accommodates two hundred people.

An intimate group in one corner of the Main Dining Room. Small luncheon conferences are the order of the day here.

Johnson, S. T.
Johnson, Wm. C.
Johnson, William L. G.
Jones, Elizabeth Sells
Jones, Philip E.

Kahler, Hugh MacNair
Kaiser, Donald J.
Kall, Joseph C.
Kaufman, John S.
Kaye, Andrew H.
Keely, Edmund M.
Keighler, Howard V.
Keller, Joseph W.
Keller, Omar H.
Kelley, L. J.
Kellock, Archibald
Kelly, Frank J.
Kelly, Gregory C.
Kelly, Myrtle Snyder
Kelly, Robert G.
Keyser, Wm. W.
Killhour, W. Brelsford
Kilpatrick, Harry T.
Kimbell, Charles R.
Kindt, J. Winston
King, William Wayne
Kircher, George R.
Kirsopp, E. C.
Klein, Louis
Kline, C. Mahlon
Kline, Willard E.
Knapp, Myrle F.
Knowlan, Joseph R.
Koenig, Walter C.
Kohler, Arthur W.
Kolb, Clifford E.
Koppes, Dwight W.
Krattenmaker, J. George
Kurtz, Walter Raymond

Labor, Charles A.
Labor, Frank A.
LaBrum, J. Harry
Lame, Edwin J.
Lane, Otho E.
Lasher, Franklyn I.
Latta, A. W.
Layton, John E.
Leahy, Hugh
Leedom, George M.
Leibhart, Earl R.
Lemback, Philip H.
Lewis, Clifford, Jr.
Lewis, William R.
Ley, James W.
Liebe, Edward
Liebe, Edward, Jr.
Lindgren, Karl E.
Lippincott, Bertram, Jr.
Lippincott, C. Carroll
Lippincott, Joseph W.
Loeb, Howard A.
Long, Dr. William L.
Longshore, Malcolm R.
Lorimer, John A.
Loveland, Samuel S.
Luff, Ralph C.
Lukens, Howard H.
Lukert, Ervin K.
Lynch, Alfred
Lynch, James M.

MacGregor, Charles D.
MacGregor, William E.
MacKinnon, Dr. R. D.
MacLean, William
MacNeal, Robert E.
McAlaine, D. Paul
McAuliffe, E. C.
McCarthy, J. A., Jr.
McClelland, A. Russell
McColley, Eugene C.
McCook, Wm. C.
McCurdy, J. L.
McDonough, Thomas
McGinley, Geo. L. L.
McGlynn, Joseph Lee
McHenry, W. R.
McKay, Alexander
McKeldin, William R.
McKeown, Robert J.
McLarty, Ray C.
McLaughlin, Wm. J.
McMillen, Wheeler
McNair, J. L.
McNally, M. J.
McNamara, J. F.
McNeely, George H., Jr.
McNutt, C. J.
McVey, James Lewis

Mackerell, Alex
Mackerell, Harry
Maconachy, J. G.
Macy, Frederick E.
Madden, Harry A.
Magee, Edward C.
Maginnis, Edwin G.
Maguire, R. A.
Malcolm, Fred S.
Malone, Watson, 3rd
Maloney, Charles A.
Manley, John J.
Mannal, Andrew J.
Margraff, George J.
Markley, Philip W.
Marks, Leon J.
Marsh, Harry A.
Marshall, S. L.
Martin, William
Martin, William J.
Martin, W. S., Jr.
Martin, Wm. Thornton
Martin, W. W.
Mather, Charles E.
Mather, Gilbert
Mathews, John S.
Mathews, Neilson M.
Matlack, Jesse M.
Matthias, Frank H.
Matthias, Raymond H.
Mattson, G. B.
Mauch, Jacob A.
Maxwell, Franklin C.

Maxwell, Harry B.
May, Charles F.
May, O. J.
Meade, Newton B.
Mechling, W. Harrison
Mecke, Charles M.
Mell, P. H.
Merriwether, Duncan
Meyer, Arthur J.
Meyle, Harry W.
Meyle, Herman
Meyle, William
Michel, Lincoln M.
Michelbacher, Asher A.
Michell, Frank B.
Michell, Fred J., Jr.
Miller, William J., Jr.
Mills, Charles A.
Mills, Donald C.
Mills, William T., Jr.
Moll, Robert F.
Montgomery, Robert L., Jr.
Mook, Robert K.
Moon, Charles D.
Moore, C. Anthony
Moore, Frederick W.
Moore, W. T.
Moose, Morrison
Morrell, N. B.
Morton, J. Edgar
Moynahan, Edward T.
Mueller, Earl K.
Mueller, William A., Jr.
Muirhead, Cecil N.
Mulgrew, Edward J.
Muller, Harold D.
Mungall, Daniel
Munns, Walter A.
Munro, William G.
Munroe, Gordon T.
Murray, J. H.

Nash, Harold N.
Nellis, William J.
Nelson, Frederic C.
Newcomb, Robert E.
Newnam, Howard W., Jr.
Nickell, Joseph H.
Norris, Edward J.
Norton, Harold F.
Norton, James A.

Oberholtzer, W. S.
O'Brian, Harold S.
Oehrle, Albert C.
Oehrle, Wm. R.
Oescher, Edward W.
Oldach, William H.
O'Neill, Frank A., Jr.
Orr, John T.
Ott, John R.
Otto, Arthur B.
Owen, John M.

Page, E. S., Jr.
Palmer, Louis H.
Park, J. B.
Partain, Lloyd E.
Patterson, Graham
Patterson, J. E.
Payne, W. Hancock
Peek, M. L.
Pelham, Walter S.
Pelstring, H. J.
Perkins, Dwight G.
Perkins, Ralph N.
Perrin, Charles C.
Petersen, Charles W.
Phaup, LeRoy L.
Phillips, Russell G.
Phillips, Theodore A.
Philson, George H.
Pierson, A. H.
Pierson, E. K.
Platt, Henry N.
Platzer, Robert
Potter, Samuel
Powell, Clarence E.
Prock, Harry A.
Pugh, David P.
Purcell, William P.

Quinn, H. B.

Race, Norman B.
Raff, A. Raymond
Rank, Roy G.
Rapp, W. B.
Raymond, Leonard
Rees, Charles C.
Reese, Joseph H.
Reifsnyder, Henry G.
Reiley, Edward L.
Reilley, James J.
Rheuby, William P.
Rhoads, William L.
Rhodes, Preston T., Jr.
Rickards, Francis L.
Riggall, Nelson
Rile, Gordon C.
Risley, W. J., Jr.
Rivinus, F. M., Jr.
Roach, Isaac
Roaf, Leland E.
Roberts, George H.
Robinson, Ford F.
Rogers, Theodore B., 3rd
Rorer, Gerald F.
Rorer, Herbert C.
Rosenberger, J. M.
Rountree, Robert T.
Roy, John
Roy, John B., Jr.
Ruddle, Curtis S.
Rudman, Fred E.
Rumpp, Carl F.
Russell, E. Roy
Russell, John C.
Ryan, Emmett P.

Sandham, Victor C.
Sargent, J. Weir
Sargent, Robert U.
Saunders, Lawrence
Schell, Charles S.

The Ladies' Dining Room, flooded by sunlight through unusually large windows at the right. Here members entertain their lady luncheon guests in an atmosphere of refinement and splendid service.

The Ladies' Retiring Room, providing all possible comfort for feminine guests.

A private dining room—one of three available for members who wish to entertain guests in private. Food may be selected from the regular daily menu or special meals may be ordered in advance.

Schmidt, Oscar C.
Schnebly, Keith G.
Schneider, John F.
Schuenemann, Alexander P.
Scott, David, Jr.
Scott, Thomas M.
Scowcroft, Edward T.
Scully, C. Alison
Seal, Henry K.
Segal, Maurice
Sencion, J. Sanford
Severson, E. S.
Seybold, Ernest A.
Shafer, G. A.
Sharp, Robert
Shaw, Henry K.
Shaw, John B.
Shearer, Paul B.
Shetzline, Harry M.
Shiber, Walter Z.
Shoemaker, Jack
Sienkiewicz, Casimir A.
Simone, Philip
Simpler, Albert A.
Simpson, V. K.
Slack, Frank E.
Slack, John F.
Small, George C.
Smith, C. Harry
Smith, Charles H.
Smith, Clarence
Smith, Edward F.
Smith, Engelbert
Smith, Frank W.
Smith, Joseph F.
Snape, J. Roy
Snape, T. Harry
Snellenburg, Morton E.
Snyder, LeRoi E.
Sobelman, B. H.
Sommers, Martin
Sorensen, Halver T.
Spahr, Christian C. F.
Spaid, Arthur F.
Sparks, Joseph F.
Spencer, James B.
Sprague, John Frederick
Squires, Richard
Starkey, Benjamin B.
Steltz, William George
Stephenson, Robert Coleman
Sterner, Albert E.
Sterner, Albert E., Jr.
Stewart, Robert C.
Stewart, William T.
Still, Harold F.
Stinson, James J.
Stocker, Carl W.
Stover, C. Sheldon
Strawbridge, F. H., Jr.
Streeter, Carroll P.
Stuart, Kenneth
Swalm, Russell E.
Sweeney, Edward F.
Sweeney, Francis J.
Sweeney, Victor V.
Swift, A. D.
Swoboda, Gustave T.

Taylor, David J.
Taylor, John M.
Taylor, Leslie L.
Taylor, Robert L.
Teamer, Homer W.
Teed, G. A.
Thies, F. C.
Thomas, C. Howard
Thomas, Frank H.
Thomas, Morgan H.
Thomas, Wilbur M.
Thompson, William B.
Thomson, H. A.
Tifft, J. Alden
Todd, Charles R.
Tomkins, C. Steward
Tompkins, D. N.
Tompkins, J. Kirby
Toro, Louis E., Jr.
Townsend, Henry C., Jr.
Tracy, George E.
Tranger, Louis
Trayser, Lewis W.
Troster, John J.
Trotter, Kenneth C.
Trout, Herbert B.
Turner, Charles F.
Turner, W. C.
Twiss, E. Hawley
Tyson, John

Ulrich, E. Huber
Underwood, William J.

Valentine, F. W.
VanBuren, John M.
Veale, Frank Reed
Veckly, John
Vlachos, Wm.
Voegel, Edwin L.
VonTress, Edw. C.

Wainwright, Jonathan
Walker, Denzil F.
Walker, Ray L.
Walker, William B.
Wallace, W. L.
Walsh, Daniel J.
Walsh, Mary Margaret
Wannemacher, H. A.
Warren, James F.
Warren, John S.
Washington, Howard A.
Watson, Alfred N.
Watson, Charles C.
Watt, George N.
Watt, John
Weaver, B. B.
Weaver, George W.
Webb, C. Edwin
Webb, J. Hampton
Webb, Kenneth R.
Wehr, George G.
Weidner, Philip C.
Weissgerber, Louis D.
Wells, Richard W.

Wendel, Clifford W.
Wentz, Lawrence J.
Werden, Leland C.
West, C. K.
Weston, Herbert S.
Whitby, Louis B.
White, George W.
Whitney, Daniel H.
Wible, Howard G.
Wickham, Elston G.
Wiederhold, Louis, Jr.
Wiedmann, John A.
Wiederseim, Theo. E.
Wilber, Grant T.
Wilcox, Wayland D.
Wiler, Herbert D.
Wiley, Henry W.
Williams, Herberton F.
Williams, John R., Jr.
Williams, Joseph J.
Williams, Paul D.
Williamson, J. E.
Wilmsen, B.
Wilson, Earl A.
Wilson, Horace W.
Wilson, Percy H., Jr.
Wilson, Stanley E.
Wilsterman, A. W.
Winchell, Wm. B.
Winkler, Wm. G.
Winnard, Raymond S.
Wisdom, Samuel S.
Wise, Frank J.
Withington, Ralph D.
Witte, Herman
Wolcott, Carl F.
Wood, Alexander C., Jr.
Wood, Grahame
Wood, Richard D.
Wood, Theodore V.
Worthington, John E.
Worstall, E. L.
Wright, Joseph V.

Yates, James S.
Yerkes, Clarence T.
Yerkes, Horace B.
Yoder, D. M.
Yoh, Harold L.

Zabel, LeRoy E.
Ziesing, Richard, Jr.
Zimmerman, Albert
Zook, W. H. Dunwoody

NONRESIDENT

Bass, Mary
Borden, Wm. S.
Brian, Charles
Brian, S. Douglas
Brooks, Olin L.

Case, Vernon B.
Charleton, W. C.
Claybourn, L. W.
Conger, Oliver C.
Cray, Frank W.
Deming, Ernest R.
Duxbury, George H.

Ermentrout, Charles B.

Fisher, Andrew J.
Flagg, Herbert W.
Fraser, Herbert A.

Goekler, Earle C.
Goodwin, William M.

Hattauer, George E.
Hayden, William M.
Henry, Snowden

Kerr, Charles M., Jr.
Klein, Louis F.

Layer, John J.

McClellan, Wm. S.

Mangles, H. Clay

Novaria, D. Joseph

Richardson, J. M.
Ritter, William H., Jr.
Rodgers, Samuel P.
Ryan, T. A.

Smith, Harold V.

VanDusen, Elmer

The Grill, a dining room for those preferring more informal surroundings at mealtime. The same menus and the same prompt and courteous service are provided here each noon as are characteristic of the Main Dining Room.

Cocktail Bar in the Grill—a popular preluncheon spot.

RULES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Approved by the Board of Directors

The Down Town Club will be open for the use of members every day (excluding Sundays and certain Legal Holidays, notice of which will be posted on Bulletin Board) from 11:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M., excepting Saturdays, when the closing hour is 3:30 P.M.

No guests are permitted in the Club unless accompanied by a member, except by specific arrangement with Receptionist (Mr. Webber) for each guest.

Members are required to register all guests, including members of their family, except on Saturdays.

Members having guests for luncheon will be charged one dollar for each guest, except immediate members of family.

The immediate family of a member are his wife, children or parents.

Ladies are not permitted in Lounge, Main Dining Room and Grill Room at any time, excepting Saturdays, when ladies are admitted to Main Dining Room for luncheon.

The Ladies' Dining Room is not to be used by gentlemen unless accompanied by a lady.

The private dining rooms may be engaged upon application to the Club Manager, who is authorized to fix the charge for their use.

Conduct injurious to the good order, peace, purpose of best interests of the Club, or at variance with its By-Laws, or its House Rules, indulged in by a member or his guests shall be cause for forfeiture of membership.

Damage to Club property by a member or by the guest of a member will be charged to the member.

House accounts are rendered on the first day of each month, and are expected to be paid on or before the twentieth day of the month in which they are rendered. If they are not paid on or before the last day of the month in which they are rendered, the name of the delinquent member may be posted and upon such posting the member's credit shall be suspended in accordance with the By-Laws.

A surcharge may be added to the total of a check for any private party and distributed by the Manager among the employees serving the party. Donations for the Christmas Fund, which is distributed annually to all employees, will be welcomed by the Club any time during the year.

BY-LAWS OF THE DOWN TOWN CLUB

ARTICLE I

GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1 The Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Board to carry out the purpose of the Club according to its Charter and these By-Laws, and the Board shall exercise all powers of the Club, except as herein otherwise provided. Only Resident Members shall be eligible to membership on the Board.

SECTION 2 The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve members, to be elected at the Annual Meeting so that the term of four members of the Board shall expire each year.

SECTION 3 At each Annual Meeting four members shall be elected Directors to serve for a term of three years or until their successors are elected, the said term to commence immediately following the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4 At its first meeting after each Annual Meeting, the Board shall elect from its own number a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold office for one year or until their respective successors shall be elected. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same Director. Any vacancies occurring in its own body or in any of said offices shall be filled by the Board.

SECTION 5 The Board of Directors may also appoint a Financial Secretary of the Club, who may or may not be a member of the Club and who shall receive such compensation for his services as the Board may determine. The term of office of such Financial Secretary shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, but shall not exceed three years, subject to successive reappointments for one or more further periods, with like restriction as to the term of each period.

SECTION 6 Subject to the duty to meet at least once every two months, except during the months of July and August, the Board of Directors shall meet at such times as they by resolution may determine, and special meetings shall be called by order of the President, or upon the written request of any five members of the Board. At these meetings the officers and committees of the Board shall present such periodic reports as may be required. Eight members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 7 The Board of Directors shall prescribe House Rules and Rules for the Admission of Guests to the privileges of the Club. It shall have power to frame rules for its own regulations and government.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Club on the second Friday in November of each year at one-thirty o'clock P.M. in the Club quarters, unless for some special reason the Board of Directors designates another day in the month of November for such meeting. Should a quorum

Oyster Bar in the Grill. Here experts in preparing and serving oysters staff an informal bar that has become a long-remembered feature of Down Town Club hospitality and service.

Good fellowship around one of the tables in the Grill.

Above, a scene looking west from Club windows.

not be present, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting to any other day at the same hour.

SECTION 2 In addition to the Directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting as specified in Section 2 of Article 1 of these By-Laws, the Club shall also elect as many additional Directors as may be required to fill vacancies in the Board, and for the purpose of this By-Law any Directorship temporarily filled by appointment by the Board shall be deemed a vacancy. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall take office immediately and hold office for the unexpired term of the Director creating the vacancy, or until his successor is elected. In all cases voting shall be by ballot and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The Board may, in its discretion, make provision for opening the polls and enabling members to cast their ballots at designated hours during the day on which and prior to the appointed hour at which the Annual Meeting is to be held.

SECTION 3 At least thirty days prior to each Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three members, whose names shall be posted immediately in the Club quarters. On the first day of October in each year the Secretary shall post a list of the offices to be filled at the next Annual Meeting. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate one candidate for each office about to become vacant. Nominations by such Committee shall be made in writing, signed by the Committee, and delivered to the Secretary not later than the tenth day of October, and the Secretary shall immediately post such nominations in the Club quarters.

SECTION 4 In addition to the nominations made by the Nominating Committee, other nominations for the offices to be filled may be made in the same manner as prescribed for the Nominating Committee by any other five members in good standing at any time prior to November 1st; and if so made they shall be immediately posted by the Secretary as provided in case of nominations made by the Nominating Committee. A name not placed in nomination by either one of the two methods prescribed in these By-Laws shall not be voted on at the Annual Meeting except in case where there is no candidate for any office from cause arising after November 1st, in which case nominations for such vacancy may be made at the meeting.

SECTION 5 The Secretary shall have the nominations printed in ballot form, the nominees for each office to be in alphabetical order, and officers renominated indicated by an asterisk. He shall mail a ballot to each member of the Club entitled to vote, with notice of the meeting, and have a supply of the same at the meeting, for the use of members, and no other form of ballot shall be circulated in the Club quarters or accepted at the polls.

SECTION 6 The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be:

1. Reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and of special meetings held subsequent thereto.
2. Elections.
3. Report of the President.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Report of Committees.
6. Unfinished and Referred Business.
7. New Business.
8. Adjournment.

This order of business may be changed at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SECTION 7 Upon the written request of twenty-five members, or at the request of the Board of Directors, the President shall call a Special Meeting of the Club. This request, as

also the notice of any Special Meeting, shall state the object for which the meeting is called, and at a Special Meeting no object not so stated shall be considered.

SECTION 8 Notices of all meetings of the Club, whether annual or special, shall be posted in the Club quarters for one week and a copy thereof mailed five days prior to the meeting to each member entitled to vote.

SECTION 9 Twenty members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Club. No stranger or visitor shall be admitted to any meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President

SECTION 1 The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. He shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the By-Laws of the Club or by the Board of Directors. The President shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees.

Vice President

SECTION 2 In the absence of the President, or in event of his inability to act, any one of the Vice Presidents shall perform his duties.

Secretary

SECTION 3 The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, shall notify members of their election and advise the Treasurer thereof, issue notices of all meetings, conduct the correspondence of the Club, keep the Club records, and perform the duties usually pertaining to his office. He shall keep the seal of the Club. He shall keep a complete roll of the members, with their addresses, and shall from time to time certify to the Committee on Membership any vacancies in the membership of the Club. He shall perform all such other duties as the Board of Directors may require. Any of the duties prescribed in or pursuant to this By-Law may be assigned by the Board of Directors to the Financial Secretary of the Club.

Treasurer

SECTION 4 The Treasurer shall collect and, under the direction of the Board of Directors, disburse the funds. He shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall report thereon at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors. He shall pay all bills. He shall give such security for the faithful discharge of his duties as may be required by the Board of Directors in its discretion, but the Board of Directors shall not be under any obligation to require security.

SECTION 5 Written contracts of the Club shall be signed by any officer specifically designated by resolution of the Board of Directors. Checks shall be signed by officers specifically designated by the Board of Directors.

Financial Secretary

SECTION 6 The Financial Secretary shall perform such duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors and such other duties as are not required under these By-Laws to be performed by any other designated officer.

ARTICLE IV

STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 At the meeting of the Board of Directors for organization, or as soon thereafter as may be, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Membership and House Committee and such other committees as the Board may

The Club Lounge, a large and impressively furnished room at the other end of the lobby from the Main Dining Room. Quiet and comfortable as well as unusually attractive, the Lounge invites relaxation after an excellent meal—or serves ideally for a post-luncheon business discussion.

A corner of the Club Lounge, where members chat with guests or find ideal accommodations for small, intimate business conferences.

deem necessary or desirable in the interests of efficient management of Club affairs. The Board may include as members of the several committees members of the Club who are not members of the Board.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP AND HOUSE COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 The Membership Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom four shall constitute a quorum. They shall serve for one year or until their successors are chosen. They shall receive and act upon all applications for membership, making careful examination as to the qualifications of each candidate.

SECTION 2 They shall give precedence to former members of the Club when proposed for re-election.

SECTION 3 They shall vote by ballot separately upon the names proposed; two negative votes shall exclude a candidate; and no person shall be elected unless he shall receive the votes of a majority of the whole Committee. The proceedings of the Committee shall be secret and confidential and it shall have the exclusive right to prescribe such rules for its own government as do not conflict with the By-Laws.

SECTION 4 The House Committee shall consist of the Secretary, the Treasurer and three other Directors, whose duties it shall be, subject to the direction and control of the Directors, to have charge of and manage the Club's rooms, to receive and act upon suggestions and complaints of members, and to make rules for the use of the Club rooms by the members and the control of their conduct therein, such rules to be known as "House Rules."

They shall report at each stated meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VI

AUDITORS

SECTION 1 The President shall appoint auditors at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting, who shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and certify to the correctness of the same annually.

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 There shall be the following classes of members:

Resident Members

Non-Resident Members

Any man over twenty-one years of age and of good standing in the community shall be eligible to membership in the Club. Resident Members shall be those who reside or have a place of business within fifty miles of the City Hall of the City of Philadelphia. Non-Resident Members shall be those who have neither residence nor place of business within said limits. Non-Resident Members shall not be entitled to hold office in the Club nor to vote at any meeting thereof unless they pay the same fees and dues as Resident Members.

SECTION 2 The Board of Directors shall have the power to limit the Resident membership to such number as they deem wise, and thereafter increase or decrease the Resident membership in such number at any one time as they deem wise.

SECTION 3 An applicant for membership must be proposed to the Membership Committee by a member of the Club. The application shall be executed on a form provided by the Club. The applicant shall furnish the Committee with at least two letters of recommendation from members who have known the applicant, setting forth the length of time and nature of such acquaintanceship with the

applicant and any other information required by the Committee. If the Committee shall decide to receive him as a candidate, it shall cause his name and address, with the name of the member proposing him, to be posted in a conspicuous place in the Club quarters for at least ten days, after which time, if there be a vacancy in the list, the Committee may elect him a member. On the election of a candidate, the Committee shall notify the Secretary of the Club of the same.

SECTION 4 A candidate duly elected by the Membership Committee, and to whom notice of his election has been sent, shall, upon payment of the entrance fee and dues prescribed, become a member of the Club, and be entitled to all privileges of the membership: Provided, That such payment be made within thirty days of the mailing of the notification of election to his address as given on his application. The election of any candidate who shall fail to make such payment within thirty days shall become void.

ARTICLE VIII

ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1 The entrance fee for Resident or Non-Resident Members shall be determined by the Board of Directors and may be changed by them from time to time.

SECTION 2 A Resident Member who changes both residence and place of business to a distance of at least fifty miles from the City Hall of the City of Philadelphia, on written notice to the Treasurer of such removal, may become a Non-Resident Member.

SECTION 3 A Non-Resident Member who changes his residence or place of business to less than fifty miles from the City Hall of the City of Philadelphia shall forthwith become a Resident Member and shall be liable to payment of additional entrance fee as prescribed in Section 1 of this Article, and to the payment thereafter of the dues of a Resident Member. The failure to pay such additional entrance fee within thirty days from the date of change of status shall subject the member in default to the penalties prescribed in Section 4 of this Article.

SECTION 4 When the dues or house charges of any member remain unpaid for the period of sixty days, his name shall be posted and he shall be notified that his name has been posted and that unless paid within ten days after such posting, his membership shall cease; and in case such dues are not paid within said period, or such default be not accounted for to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors, he shall thereupon cease to be a member, and shall forfeit all his interest in any property of the Club, real or personal.

ARTICLE IX

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 A member desiring to withdraw from the Club must present his resignation in writing to the Secretary on or before the thirty-first day of October. Otherwise, he shall be liable to pay his annual dues for the succeeding year. No resignation shall be accepted from any member indebted to the Club, except by special resolution of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 If any member shall be charged in writing, addressed to the Board of Directors, by any other member, with conduct injurious to the good order, peace or interest of the Club, or at variance with the requirements of its Constitution, By-Laws or Rules, or if the Board shall become cognizant of conduct which, in its opinion, may be deemed sufficient to warrant a member's suspension or expulsion, and if, after giving the member so charged an opportunity to be heard, the

Board shall be satisfied of the truth of the charge, and that the same demands such action, it may proceed to suspend such member for a period not exceeding one year, or it may request him to resign, or upon notice to him, after presentation of the case, may expel him. A majority vote of the entire Board shall be required for expelling or suspending a member. Provided, however, that any member so suspended or expelled by the Board may appeal to the annual meeting, if such annual meeting shall occur within the ensuing four weeks, or otherwise to a special meeting of the Club to be called for the purpose, in the following manner: He shall file with the Secretary of the Club within one week after the meeting of the Board at which his suspension or expulsion was ordered, a written request for the calling of a special meeting, and shall in said request set forth his appeal. Thereupon the Board shall call a special meeting of the Club, to be held not later than two weeks thereafter, at which meeting the member may appear and be heard. A majority of the members present at said special meeting shall have the power to affirm or reverse the decision of the Board suspending or expelling said member. Pending the appeal, and until the action of the Board shall have been reversed, the suspension or expulsion shall remain in force.

ARTICLE X

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SECTION 1 The Secretary shall keep at the office a record in which any member may enter a mail address to which all notices to be sent to him shall be directed. In default of such entry, such notices shall be served by sending them to the member's last-known address. Notices sent in accordance with this By-Law shall be deemed sufficient for the purposes of these By-Laws or any other matter relating to Club affairs.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any meeting of the Club, Annual or Special, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Notices of proposed amendment shall be furnished to the Secretary and posted in a conspicuous place in the Club quarters at least fifteen days before the meeting at which it is proposed to consider them, and the Secretary shall cause such notice to be printed and sent to each member at least five days before such meeting.

The exquisite and impressive doorway from the Club Lounge, leading to the main lobby. Refinement combines with excellent quality in every appointment of The Down Town Club.

One thousand, two hundred and fifty copies of this book were printed for distribution to members of The Down Town Club. The Club's history was written by Dwight W. Koppes. The photographs were made by William M. Rittase. Designed and printed in sheet-fed gravure and letterpress by The Beck Engraving Company.

Locale of Philadelphia's Down Town Club. Independence Hall spire occupies the right foreground, while the Delaware River bridge to Camden spans the background.